

CHRONOLOGY OF PAUL'S LIFE AND LETTERS

(For some of the dates only an approximation is possible.)

Dates (A.D.)	Events in Paul's Life	Documents	Paul's Letters	Contemporary Events	Dates (A.D.)	Events in Paul's Life	Documents	Paul's Letters	Contemporary Events
10	Birth of Paul	Acts 7:58; Phm 9			53	THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY begins	Acts 18:23-21:17		
14-23 (?)	Arrival in Jerusalem; beginning of studies	Acts 22:3; 26:4		Death of Augustus; accession of Tiberius, August 19, A.D. 14 Pilate is procurator 26-36; death of Jesus: 30	53-57	Galatia-Phrygia Ephesus	Acts 19:1 ff.	Philippians 1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians	Death of Claudius; Nero elected emperor, October 13, 54
34	Stoning of Stephen, Conversion of Paul	Acts 7:58; 9:1-19; 22:4-20; Gal 1:13-16			57	Departure from Ephesus Sojourn in Macedonia Journey to Illyria (Rom 15:19)?	Acts 20:1-6		
34-36	Sojourn in Damascus, in Arabia, and again in Damascus	Acts 9:20-22, 23-25; Gal 1:17			57-58	Corinth (three winter months)	Acts 20:3	Galatians Romans	
36	First journey to Jerusalem, fifteen-day stay there	Acts 9:26-28; Gal 1:18-20			58	Journey to Macedonia, Philippi, then to Jerusalem, arrest.	Acts 20:3-23:25		
36-44	Sojourn in Tarsus	Acts 9:29-30; Gal 1:21-24		Death of Tiberius, accession of Caligula, March 16, 37 Death of Caligula, accession of Claudius, January 24, 41 Death of Agrippa I, 44.	58-60	IMPRISONMENT IN CAESAREA	Acts 24-26		
45-46	Sojourn in Antioch	Acts 11:25-26			60-61	Sea voyage, shipwreck at Malta. Arrival in Rome	Acts 27-28:16		Porcius Festus, procurator, 60-62
47-48	FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY (Cyprus and Asia Minor)	Acts 13-14; 2 Tim 3:11			61-63	FIRST IMPRISONMENT IN ROME	Acts 28:17-31	Colossians, Ephesians, Philemon	
49	Famine and second journey to Jerusalem (to bring contributions)	Acts 11:27-30; 12:25		Claudius expels the Jews from Rome, 49. (cf. Acts 18:2)	63-65	Journey in the Orient (Ephesus, Crete, etc.), Macedonia, Nicopolis Return to Rome Journey in Spain (?)	1 Tim 1:3; Tit 1:5; 3:12		Burning of Rome, July, 64
49	Apostolic Council in Jerusalem	Acts 15:1-35; Gal 2:1-10			65			1 Timothy Titus	
49	Dispute with Cephas in Antioch	Gal 2:11 ff.			66-67	SECOND IMPRISONMENT IN ROME	2 Tim 1:15-18; 4:9-21	2 Timothy	Revolt of Judea, 66-70. Death of Nero, June 6, 68
50	SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY begins	Acts 15:36-18:22 (cf. Gal 4:13-15)			67	Martyrdom			
50	Philippi, Thessalonica	Acts 16:11 ff. Acts 17:1 ff.							
50-52	Corinth	Acts 18:1 ff.	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians	Gallio proconsul in Achaia, 52-53					

ABBREVIATIONS

CBE	Catholic Biblical Encyclopedia, Steinmueller-Sullivan.
CBO	The Catholic Biblical Quarterly.
EDB	Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Bible (ed. L. Hartman, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1963).
P.G.	Patrologia Graeca (Migne)
TBT	The Bible Today.
TD	Theology Digest.
TS	Theological Studies.

